



Graduates told to be optimistic

By Bill Meehan

The weather was perfect on Saturday, June 16, as Coeur d'Alene College held its 16th commencement.

A total of 1,357 graduates were divided between two ceremonies held in the gymnasium of the Coeur d'Alene Center.

The 10 a.m. morning ceremony featured graduates from Business, Health Sciences and Continuing Education programs. Graduates from Applied Arts and Technology programs attended the 2 p.m. afternoon ceremony.

Kenneth Hunter, recently reelected to his position of President of Coeur d'Alene College after a three-year secondment to the Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities, gave the address to the assembled graduates and their families and friends.

Hunter encouraged the graduates to be optimistic about their employment prospects and predicted a move to smaller production units in the business world would help improve the present job situation.

President Hunter cited the recent legislated break-up of American Telephone and Telegraph (AT&T) as an example of what he thinks is a trend of the future.

Following Hunter's address to the Assembly, each graduate was presented with the traditional Coeur d'Alene Linpin, which is worn over the left shoulder to symbolize alumni membership, and presented with their respective certificates or diplomas.

Graduates who attained the requirements of the President's

Honor List were also awarded the gold shield representing their program.

The afternoon commencement ceremony was also the occasion for the presentation of the two most prestigious awards presented by Coeur d'Alene College.

President Hunter presented Barbara J. Barrone of Kitchener with the James W. Church Award, consisting of a Gold Shield and \$1,000 cash. The award is named after the founding President of Coeur d'Alene College, and it awarded to the student of academic achievement, concern for the dignity of the individual and making a contribution to society. Barrone is a graduate of the Early Childhood Education Program.

Bruce Chambers of Bend, Ore., received the Master Craftsmen Award which recognizes achievement in hand skills, consisting of a Gold Shield and \$500.

Chambers is a graduate of the Manufacturing Technician-Wood Products program. His winning project was a Duane Arne highway, a small chest of drawers.

Joseph H. Martin, outgoing President of the college, received a special presentation during the afternoon ceremony.

Veronica Kair, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the College, presented Martin with a framed College Shield bearing the Coeur d'Alene College Coat of Arms. In recognition of his contribution.

Following both ceremonies, the families, friends and graduates were treated to refreshments in the Deane Campus Cafeteria.



President Kenneth J. Hunter addresses graduates.



Left: Melissa Jolly and Susan Olsson of Coeur d'Alene College (right) took trophies after receiving their diplomas.